

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3310 - SB 3528

February 15, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Defines “patient safety organization” as any private organization whose primary activity is to improve patient safety and the quality of health care delivery for patients. Authorizes the Department of Health to designate, through an application process, any public or private organization as a patient safety organization that’s primary purpose is to conduct activities to improve patient safety, has qualified staff and professionals capable of reviewing and producing patient safety work products, is not a component of any entity that provides health insurance, and certifies that its mission does not create a conflict of interest with the health care facilities that will submit health care information.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 became effective January 19, 2009, authorizes the creation of patient safety organizations (PSOs). The federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is responsible for designating PSOs.
- The Department of Health will issue a policy to accept PSOs listed by AHRQ for designation to maintain compliance with federal regulations.
- Any cost incurred by the Department for the creation of an application form and staff to review applications will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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